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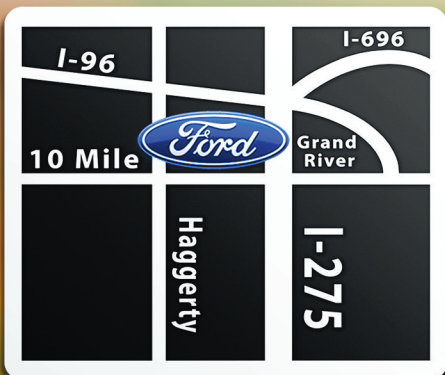
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A 'Joyful' experience

Festival chairman, committee credit volunteers for success

The best thing about the Plymouth Fall Festival for President Eric Joy is working with all the volunteer groups in the community.

The worst thing about the job? Working with all the volunteer groups in the community.

"I love it. I keep doing it, because I love working with these volunteer groups for so many good causes. Seeing what they can do with the money they earn at this event means a lot to everyone.

"You can just see the good these groups do," he said.

But trying to fit the planning and scheduling of the number of groups involved into all the varying schedules isn't always easy, Joy admitted.

The groups usually change their slate of officers, too, during the summer months. Often, the person Joy worked with the year before isn't the same one he needs to reach for the current year.

"That can be a challenge. And the festival takes place right before the kids go back to school, so the groups from the schools are sometimes harder to find," he said.

"These people are all volunteers, they have lives, just like the rest of us. They have commitments, and they have to work this into their schedules but they do this for the same reason the rest of us do. It is so good for our community," Joy said.

"I mean, where else can you go and see these groups all in one place, and see so many people working for the same goal? It is just a terrific feeling to see this every year," he said.

Joy said that he and the Fall Festival Committee including Frank Agostini from E.G. Nick's restaurant, James Geitzen from JAG Entertainment and Mike Richardson have made a few changes this year, one of the largest from necessity.



Eric Joy

"We can no longer use Union Street," Joy said, "so we took the opportunity to move the Craft Show onto Penniman and Main Street and we moved the car show onto Forest Street.

"I think this will prove to be a good move," Joy said. "The craft show gets a lot of attention and this will give them more visibility," he added. "The car show will take people to Forest Street and help with the flow of the crowds,"

he said.

Joy admitted that organizing the event was easier in this, his third year at the helm, as he knew what to expect and so far, there have been no serious catastrophes.

"We might have a conflict of two groups wanting to sell the same items, but so far, everything has been pretty smooth," he said.

This year, Joy said, he advises visitors to the festival not to miss the bands Geitzen has booked into Kellogg Park for entertainment.

"James did a fantastic job getting us some really good bands," he said. Friday night, Sound Alternative will perform and Saturday night Trilogy will take to the stage. Both performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Joy said.

"Seriously, I love doing this and I really love the festival. I worked on the committee for 8 years before I became chairman and it is still fun for me. Watching families having a good time, seeing the community groups working together and all the volunteers, it's just a real tribute to our town," Joy concluded.



James Geitzen, Frank Agostini and Eric Joy



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Rotary Chicken Sunday involves entire community

Bill Weber is a man who can handle a lot of responsibility.

After all, he spent seven years as Superintendent of the South Redford School District, responsible for about 4,000 students and an annual budget of \$27 million.

He may need all that experience, and more, on Chicken Sunday when he will be the man responsible for 700 volunteers, a crew of Rotarians and the perfect preparation of 10,750 chicken dinners.

Weber is the chairman of the Barbeque Committee for the Plymouth Rotary Club this year, placing the burden of purchasing, preparing, packaging and selling the dinners squarely on



Responsible for 10,750 chicken dinners this year are, back row, from left, Mike Muma, Brandon Bunt and Mike Sullivan along with, front row, from left, Jeff Stella, Chairman Bill Weber and Ken Early. Not pictured are Ken Jenkins and Rich Eisiminger.

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his shoulders. Weber, however, isn't worried.

He said he is very confident that things will go exactly as planned on Chicken Sunday, due primarily to the six-man team in place to manage the crew of more than 700 volunteers it takes to accomplish the daunting task.

"So far, everything has been going very well. I've been listening to the corn grow," he said with a chuckle.

Weber, like chairman Mike Sullivan last year, worked his way through the committee posts during the past six years, learning all facets of managing the tremendous undertaking of one of the most popular events in the area.

This year, Sullivan is acting as an advisor to the group, as the past chairman does each year. Jeff Stella is in charge of purchasing and buying all the supplies needed for the event, including the chickens and the locally-grown corn, along with all the other

various sundries and supplies needed for the day. Rich Eisiminger is the man to see about rack cleaning and corn distribution, along with several other jobs while the tickets are one of the responsibilities of Mike Muma. Brandon Bunt takes care of the signs and the three conveyors that run all day, and ensuring that the cooling trailers are where they need to be. Ken Jenkins takes care of security and assignments for the other club members while Ken Early manages the 700 volunteers that help the club during the day.

"Without those volunteers, we simply couldn't do this," Weber said.

That's true, too, of the club members who spend Saturday evening erecting the huge barbecue pits in the parking lot behind the gathering and start bringing in the necessary charcoal, grills and other supplies, along with all the packaging and conveyor belts. Very early Sunday morning, the fires are lit, the ears of corn cleaned and the

remaining supplies unpacked and placed where they need to be to allow for efficient packaging of the meals.

Weber, a 45-year resident of Plymouth Township said that this year the price of the dinners had to be increased by \$1, due to the rising costs of the food. The dinners which include a half a barbecue chicken, chips, a roll and butter, an ear of corn, a cookie and a beverage, will cost \$11 if purchased from a Rotary Club member in advance or at the ticket booths located on Main Street. Tickets purchased for the meals Sunday will be priced at \$13.

"This is such a community event. The young students, the club volunteers, the people from the various organizations. This effort really epitomizes Service Above Self, our Rotary Club motto," Weber said. "Our club has given more than \$50,000 in scholarships to local students, all earned from the barbecue and the golf outing.

"This brings the total community together."

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Art, tattoos, candy benefit facility

First Step has added an attraction to the carnival rides and midway games aimed at younger children during the Fall Festival this year.

All In One Art, a local business based in Plymouth, will be offering sand art projects, airbrush temporary tattoos and Sandy Candy for the younger crowd this year, all to benefit the work of First Step throughout the area.

The items are all priced in the \$3 to \$5 range, making them attractive to parents, too, looking for something safe and enjoyable for children. Proceeds from the booth will be used to help fund First Step programs.

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Talk about repeat customers.

There are very few first-timers in line Saturday morning during the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in The Gathering. Nearly everybody has been there before and is returning for more of the fluffy, light and delectable treats served only once a year during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The Kiwanis members serve about 3,000 breakfasts, piled with pancakes, sausage and juice, along with butter, syrup, coffee or milk from 7 a.m. until about noon or so, depending on how many people are still in line and how much batter they have left.

No one can actually remember exactly when the Kiwanis began serv-



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ing the hot-off-the-griddle pancakes as a club fundraiser at the festival, but nearly everyone remembers enjoying the treats and coming back for more.

The griddles and other equipment, along with the tables and chairs, are set up the night before in The Gathering, the covered structure across from Kellogg Park and next to the Penn Theater; and the batter mixed, sausage cooked and coffee made by the Kiwanis members before the crowds start to arrive.

Tickets are priced at \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door and, as always, children younger than 5 eat for free with an adult. Tickets are available from Mark Riegal (734) 718-6176 or email markriegal@aol.com. During the festival, tickets will be sold at the festival ticket booth at Main Street and Penniman.

This year, the Kiwanis members are also selling raffle tickets for their Dinner Anywhere In The World raffle



and the winner's names will be announced during the Pancake Breakfast. The tickets, priced at \$10 will award the winner dinner for two at any restaurant in the world, including two round-trip flights and a two-night hotel stay. Second prize is dinner for two at any restaurant in the U.S. while the third prize winner can choose any restaurant in Michigan, with a hotel stay included.

The Kiwanis Club is dedicated to helping children throughout the world and the club sponsors an international effort to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder; supports Michigan Mott's Children's Hospital, sends meals to the underprivileged and to those in disaster areas, provides area scholarships and is involved in many other efforts to help children around the world and in the local community.



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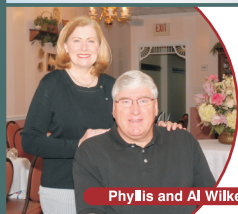
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They bring the Leader Dog puppies. This year, they will have several puppies in training to become leader dogs, trainers and a few certified Leader Dogs and their owners in the booth at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. While people can't resist the appeal of the pups, the booth will also be manned with several club members willing to answer questions about the club and the several organizations they support with their fundraising efforts.

The puppies and their trainers will take to the stage in Kellogg Park at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, for a special



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demonstration of their training and skills.

The Lions have adopted a special initiative this year with Project Kidsight, an effort to identify and help children who have vision disorders by early detection and treatment.

As part of this major effort, the Plymouth Lions Club will have vision screening available on Saturday afternoon in Kellogg Park for children as young 1.

Helping the vision and hearing impaired is a major goal of the Lions Club and the Plymouth group was chartered by Lions Club International in 1947. The members gathered for the first official meeting back in January of 1948 and have

been helping the vision impaired since that time. Currently, the Plymouth Lions Club helps support: Beaumont Hospital Silent Children's Fund; First Step; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Lions Hearing Center of Michigan; Lions of Michigan Service Foundation; Michigan Eye Bank; Madonna University/Lions Hearing Center; Paws with a Cause; Penrickton Center for Blind Children; American Diabetes Association; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; Project Kidsight; Bear Lake (a camp for visually impaired youths); American Legion; Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Museum.



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Centennial Dancers preserve tradition of Polish culture, heritage

When the Polish Centennial Dancers step onto the stage Saturday morning, they will bring hundreds of years of tradition with them.

From their authentic costumes, made from designs handed down through generations, to the intricate and lively steps of their dances, they repeat steps long part of the history of the Polish culture. The group is based in Plymouth and has been educating students from 3-18 about the Polish heritage and culture through music, dance and song for more than three decades. This year, they have about 40 members, having recently graduated five, according to Barbara J. Martin, director of the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers.

The dancers appear in performances throughout the state and march in parades in their efforts to preserve and promote their Polish heritage.

"Our group has performed throughout Michigan, at festivals, senior centers, for church events, weddings, this past summer we helped debut the Polish Pizza at Buddy's Restaurant in Livonia, Tiger games for Polish American



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"We team up with our sister group to perform in Poland and we will be taking our group to perform in Poland in the summer of 2017," Martin said.

This year, the group will appear on the Lou LaRiche main stage in Kellogg Park at 11 a.m. Saturday, performing dances with the simpler early steps of the youngest members to the more difficult advanced steps of the traditional dances performed by the more experienced students.

"Our choreographers are Natalie Jedruszko and Marie Stawasz, they both have taken courses from Polish instructors in Poland and in the United States. Natalie earned her teaching degree in Poland," Martin said.

Membership in the group requires only a desire to dance and have fun although there is a monthly fee for practice time and lessons. This month, however, membership is free but inter-



ested candidates need to speak with Martin first about coming to class, she said. The group practices at Madonna University at Schoolcraft and Levan Road on Wednesday evenings. They split their time, Martin said, between buildings in the Plymouth Canton and Livonia Public Schools for other practices.

One of the main fundraisers for the group is the Polish Kitchen, usually located right on Main Street at the corner of Penniman nearest the park. Every year, parents of the dancers dish up traditional Polish foods to lines of waiting customers.

The popular Polish Platter which includes Kielbasa, stuffed cabbage, bread, sauerkraut, city chicken and two potato with cheese Pierogi is one of the biggest sellers. The platter includes a bottle of water and many Fall Festival visitors make plans in advance to visit the kitchen based on the quality of the platter. The kitchen will also serve Kielbasa on a bun with or without sauerkraut and Pierogi in various sized servings. This year they will also have stuffed cabbage and city chicken for sale at the event.

According to an early menu provided by the group, they expect to also have Paczki for sale this year, the

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incredibly rich and dense filled doughnuts that are a Polish tradition, usually served on Fat Tuesday, the day before Lent.

Proceeds from The Polish Kitchen will help with scholarships, Martin said.

"If students can't afford the costumes and or classes, we will help them pay. We have a scholarship program for students entering their freshman year of college. Our home office of the Polish National Alliance offers scholarships for sophomores and above," she said.

"The money that we raise at the Fall Festival also helps our budget for the entire year. We pay for building use, our choreographers, costumes, insurance and running the dance school," she said.

The group also schedules other outings with the dance students, Martin said. They go on a hayride in the fall



and when they perform at Comerica Park, they stay to enjoy the Tigers' game.

"At Christmastime, we celebrate St. Nicholas Day. The children leave a shoe for St. Nick to put a coin in, while we have a pot luck Christmas party and St. Nick comes to visit," she said.

She added that the dancers and

their families are a close-knit group and plan activities all year for the students, including the annual recital which involves all the students and the parents providing all the back-stage and production work.

For more information about joining the dancers, contact Martin at (734) 634-7780.

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"We started out using a Polaroid camera and the photo was cut out to fit a button or refrigerator magnet. Today, we use a digital camera, computer and printer. Besides the popular button and magnet, our visitors have the choice of a Christmas ornament and a round or square key chain," explained Kathy Turnquist, wife of the booth



chairperson Gary Turnquist.

"Our photographers do an awesome

job and numerous customers return to order extra items for family - especially grandparents. These make wonderful gifts," she said and some families revisit us each year to get new photo buttons to add to their collection.

"These repeat customers have become friends and we get the opportunity to catch up on all their news over the past year. We have seen children grow up, marry and then bring their children to the booth for a button," she added.

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2015 Lou LaRiche Chevrolet Stage
Kellogg Park

Friday, Sept. 11
Sound Alternative

Saturday, Sept. 12
9 a.m. Optimist Pet Show
11 a.m. Polish National Alliance
Centennial Dancers
Noon Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps
1 p.m. Lions Club Leader Dogs
Come celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Lions Club Leader Dogs
2 p.m. Forever After Productions
Dance Beat
3:30 p.m. The Plymouth Library Fall
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7 p.m. Trilogy--The Ultimate Variety Band

Sunday Sept. 13
11 a.m. Midwest Tae Kwan Do
2 p.m. O'Hare School of Irish Dance
3 p.m. Chiefettes, Saberettes, Rocketts, Pompon squads
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Acoustic Madness Band

Schedule of Events

Fall Festival Hours

Friday, Sept. 11 Noon until Dusk

Saturday, Sept. 12 7 a.m. until Dusk

Sunday, Sept. 13 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

FRIDAY Sept. 11

Carnival opens with rides and games at 3 p.m.

Craft Show opens at noon

Civitans Taste Fest 6-8 p.m.
Station 885 restaurant
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Band Boosters Bingo 6-10 p.m.
The Gathering across from Kellogg Park

Big Ray and Motor City Kings
8 p.m.-midnight
E.G. Nick's Party Tent
500 Forest St.

SATURDAY Sept. 12

Carnival open with rides and games at 11 a.m.

Car Show

Craft Show opens at 9 a.m.

Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast
7-11:30 a.m.

The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park

Optimists Club Pet Show
9 -10:45 a.m. Kellogg Park Stage

A.M. Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner
4-8 p.m. Tent behind E.G. Nick's 500 Forest St.

Von Zippers
8 p.m.-- midnight E. G. Nick's Party Tent
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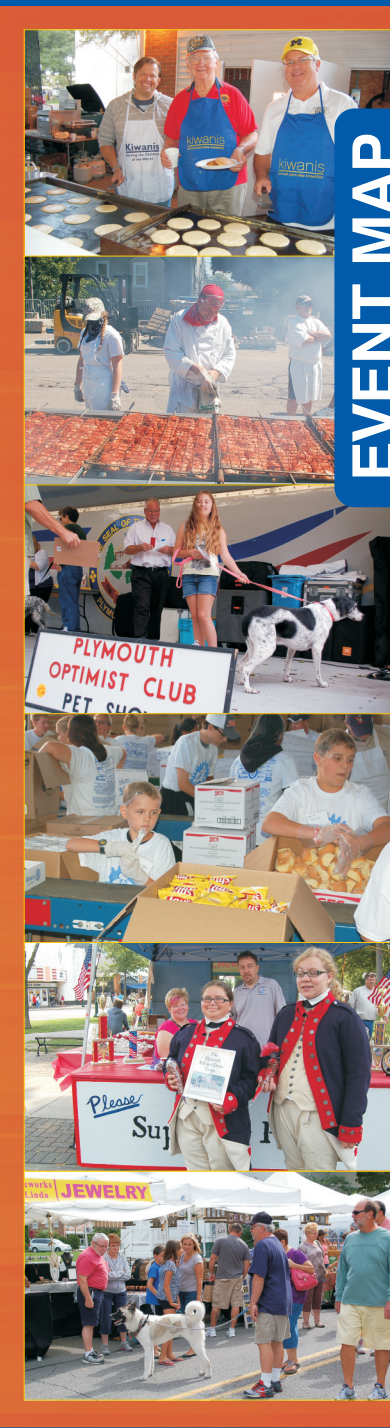
SUNDAY Sept. 13

Carnival opens with rides and games at 11 a.m.

Car Show

Craft Show opens at 9 a.m.

Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque 11 a.m.
The Gathering Kellogg Park



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Ah, that's Italian

AM Rotary Spaghetti Dinner adds fun to menu

A little taste of Italy will join the Plymouth Fall Festival again this year when club members will be serving their famous spaghetti dinners from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 in the huge white tent behind E.G. Nick's restaurant on Forest Street.

This is the ninth year for the event which began in Kellogg Park. When preparing the pasta and sauce for the growing crowds became nearly impossible in the park, the club moved to the tent two years ago where the preparation can be completed in the professional restaurant kitchen at E.G. Nick's and the advice and expertise of Chef Frank Agostini is available.

This year, the dinners will include spaghetti with marinara sauce and Italian meatballs, a tossed salad with



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Italian dressing, a dinner roll with butter; a cookie and a 16-ounce bottle of spring water.

The dinner will be served rain or shine, and there is plenty of seating inside the huge tent and outside in the sunshine said A.M. Rotary Club President Leslie Greeneisen. The guests will be comfortable no matter what Mother Nature has in store.

E.G. Nick's will have bar service inside the tent and drink tickets will be available from staff members at the door.

Dinners are priced at \$9 if purchased in advance from any morning Rotary Club member or by calling (734) 455-5810. Tickets for the dinners will be priced at \$10 the day of the event. Tickets can also be purchased at the Fall Festival Dinner Ticket Booth at Penniman and Main Street. Children 10 and younger eat free with a limit of one free dinner with each adult paid meal.

Tickets will be available after noon

The dinner will be served rain or shine, and there is plenty of seating inside the huge tent...

Saturday at the dinner tent.

In years past, most of the proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner were earmarked for the construction of The Miracle League of Plymouth baseball field. That field, once the club members' great dream, is now a reality, Greeneisen said. It is located in the recreation area behind the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, formerly Central Middle School. As promised, The Miracle League field now serves as a playground for youngsters in wheelchairs, on crutches or with other mobility issues and for those with visual and hearing impairments, autism and other special needs.

Proceeds from this year's dinner will be used to provide scholarships for Plymouth-Canton area youngsters who have overcome major challenges in order to graduate from high school; musical equipment for the music program at Starkweather Academy; books and equipment for the first real school in Jirapa, Ghana Africa just starting construction with funds from the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.; a happier holiday for nearly 150 seniors at the Annual Senior Christmas Dinner and Rotary Shelter Boxes for Emergency Relief wherever and whenever disasters strike.

The Spaghetti Dinner is the most important means of raising awareness about and funding for the many community-focused and international Peace Through Service projects and undertakings of the club, Greeneisen added.

For additional information about Plymouth Rotary A.M., contact Greeneisen at (734) 620-2113.

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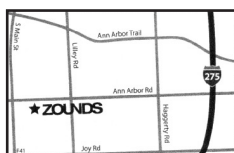
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On the beat

Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps to perform, sell almond treats

Visitors to the Plymouth Fall Festival can experience a trip into history when the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps takes to the Lou LaRiche main stage in Kellogg Park at noon on Saturday.

The musicians, ages 12 through 18, wear red and blue uniforms, authentic in every detail to those worn by the Commander-in-Chief's Personal Life Guard of 1776 through 1783. Their music is also authentic to the 17th to 20th century and is the same as that heard by many famous names in American history. The corps musicians will appear after their most recent performances at Comerica Park and in Washington, D.C. where they played at historic monuments.

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The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps performing at the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. last month.

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Corps is a non-profit organization of students from Plymouth and surrounding communities and members are dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fife and drumming. The youths practice year-round and average 40-50 live performances each year, including parades, patriotic celebrations, and other civic events throughout Michigan and Canada.

At the close of the summer performance season, the corps tours to historical landmarks and this year performed in New York City and Washington, D.C. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps performed at the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. last month.

The Fife and Drum Corps is a self-supporting organization and members hope the enticing aroma of freshly-roasted almonds wafting from their booth on Main Street next to Kellogg Park will tempt Fall Festival patrons to support their organization by purchasing the treats. The group does not receive funding from the school system or the government and the roasted almond sales help subsidize operating costs and activities of the corps.

The organization not only provides a preeminent education in music, members have the added benefit of learning American history first-hand. Membership in the corps helps transform teens into an elite performance group and teaches leadership skills, a corps parent said.



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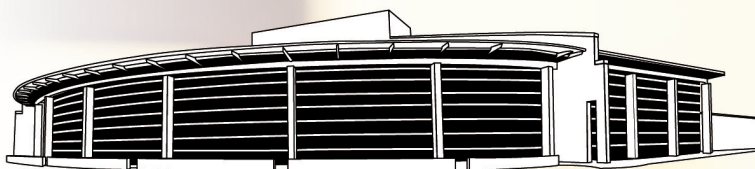
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Party time

Tent in back lot will again benefit veterans' group

It's been more than a decade since Frank Agostini and Tony Belli put up the first huge white tent in the parking lot behind E. G. Nick's restaurant during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

They've been doing it ever since because everybody involved has a good time.

"We have a great time and so does the crowd," Agostini said. "This is a way to help out several charities and have fun at the same time. What could be better?"

This year, Von Zippers will entertain the crowd in the party tent from 8 p.m. until midnight on Friday, Sept. 11 and Big Ray and the Motor City Kings will play beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

E.G. Nick's provides beer and wine

sales in the tent during the evening band performances.

"We've had Big Ray in here before and they were here last year for the festival. The crowds love them," Agostini said. "These are both really good bands."

This year, as in the past, there will be a \$3 cover charge at the party tent which will go to the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. Members of the veterans' organization will be collecting the cover charge at the door and issuing wrist bands for admittance to the tent for those 21 and older.

"These vets deserve all the help we can offer," Agostini said. "We're happy to do it."

The tent will also host the A.M.

Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday and Praise Baptist Church will use the tent for a morning worship service Sunday morning.

This year, moving the car show to Forest Street may bring some new faces into the party tent, Agostini, who is also the vice-president of the Fall Festival Committee, said.

"The Fall Festival is a good time for everybody and with the tent, we can help some of the groups like the vets and the Rotary Club.

This is just a big party and everybody is invited," he said. We've never had any problems, just a big group of local folks having a really good time."

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Optimists Pet Show has prizes for every breed of pet

The traditional Optimist Club Pet Show will return again this year during the Plymouth Fall Festival. As they have for more than 40 years, the Optimists will host the pet show on the Lou LaRiche Main Stage in Kellogg Park at 9 a.m. Saturday

Every year, the club hosts the pet show as an opportunity to allow pet owners of all ages to show off their best friends, explained Optimists Club President Charlie Roebuck.

During the four decades, there aren't too many pets the judges haven't seen. Last year, for instance, one young man brought his very fuzzy tarantula in a shoebox-sized container for the judges to evaluate.

Roebuck said he even remembers a year when a child brought a cricket up



to the stage. "We asked, 'How long have you had this pet?'" and she said, "about a minute."



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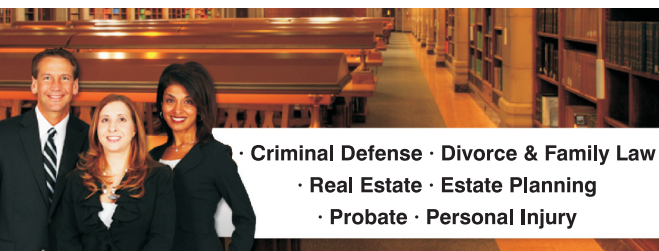
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The event usually attracts 20-25 young people with their pets, depending on the weather.

"We are always at the mercy of the weather," Roebuck said. "If it's cold or raining, fewer contestants show up."

The show takes place early in the morning, with first judging of dogs taking place at 9 a.m. Then the judges move on to other categories, usually cats at about 9:45, depending on the number of canine entries.

After the cats, who are usually remarkably well behaved, the judging will move on to other categories such as reptiles. First, second and third place prizes are awarded in every category that includes enough proud entrants. This year, Michael Cox of the Optimists Club will be the emcee at the



Pet Show and Roebuck and Karen Ochman will act as judges at the event.

The rules are very liberal and the show is sponsored by the club for the entertainment and enjoyment of the youngsters who enter with their pets.

The Optimists Club has been active in Plymouth since 1949 and the late Bill Saxton was one of the founding members.

The Optimists Club motto is Friend of Youth. The club raises money for the youth in the Plymouth Canton area.

The Optimist Club donates to the Plymouth Historical Museum, First Step, the YMCA, Friends of the Penn, several area food banks, the Salvation Army, Miracle League of Plymouth, the Methodist Children's Home and funds several scholarships at the high school.

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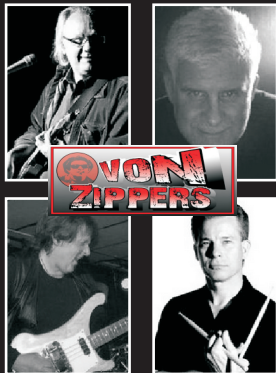
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For a napkin-testing burger, visit the vintage diner-style Burger Loft, located above The Inn at St. John's Pro Shop. Making burger history since summer 2013. The Burger Loft offers crisp salads, house-cut fries, and, of course, burgers done right.

Open during golf season from 4-9 p.m. on Mondays, and from 11:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The loft is closed Sundays.

Hermann's Old Town Grille
195 West Liberty St.
Plymouth
(734) 451-1213

For a real taste of Plymouth, Hermann's simply cannot be missed. From the long bar of regulars to the back room where crowds gather, this is the place for friendly banter and wonderful food.

The tavern, located in Plymouth Old Village, serves a menu full of specialty burgers, fresh salads, oven-baked pizza and unique sandwiches, all made to order.

The OTB (Old Town Burger) comes in a variety of configurations, all of which have made Hermann's famous.

Owners Nick and Sally Hermann provide good food and a very comfortable atmosphere where people can really enjoy themselves and relax. Hermann's, which is identified by the large drooling moose painted on the outside of the



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building, is also available for parties, birthdays and other special events with an emphasis on fun.

Hermann's is open from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon until 2 a.m. Sundays.

Karl's Cabin
6005 Gotfredson Road
Plymouth
(734) 455-8450

Built in the 1940s, Karl's Cabin is truly a Michigan Made log cabin roadhouse restaurant, bar and grill. Located just minutes west of downtown Plymouth and just east of Ann Arbor, the restaurant is a favorite of patrons from throughout the area.

Guests can enjoy rustic charm, friendly service and a large menu including hand-cut grilled steaks, fresh seafood, BBQ, fresh pasta, big salads, burgers, artisan sandwiches and daily chef-created features. Slow roasted prime rib is served every Friday and Saturday night. Dinners are priced



from \$8 to \$20 while lunch prices range from \$6-\$15.

Karl's offers 20 Michigan craft beers on draft including Bell's, Founders and Short's. The extensive wine list includes 60 wines to choose from with many wines from Michigan.

Karl's has an outdoor patio and entertainment includes dueling pianos and live bands on weekends.

Reservations are recommended.

Leo's Coney Island
41496 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Mi
(734) 416-8200

The family recipe for the famous Greek Salad dressing along with the chili and other great homemade items has been the backbone of success for Leo's Coney Island. The Stassinopoulos brothers, Leo and Pete, have built a reputation for quality food and service.

Leo's Coney Island has evolved from a limited menu offering the basics of Coney Islands, fries, burgers and Greek Salads to a wide menu. Selections include a full line of items for the whole family including Greek specialties, breakfast, and a children's menu. Today, Leo's Famous Greek Salad Dressing can be found in spe-



Welcome to Hermann's Olde Town Grille. Nick Hermann opened the OTG in September 2003. Since then, Nick and his family have worked to create a neighborhood bar and grill that the people of Plymouth can enjoy. Hermann's goal is to provide good food, good service, a friendly atmosphere and good times for their customers.

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cialty markets and local grocery stores. However, throughout the years, Leo's has not strayed from the formula of serving the highest-quality products and giving great service to customers. Leo has made it his mission to provide the experience of a Coney Island, while also offering delicious home-made soups and family favorites.

Leo's is open from 6 a.m. until 10

p.m. Sunday through Tuesday and 24 hours Wednesday through Saturdays.

Simply Fresh Mediterranean Grill
838 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth
(734) 335-7720

Bassam and Anthony Warra, owners of the new Simply Fresh Mediterranean Grill, have some very definite ideas about the food served in their restaurant. With more than 20 years in the restaurant business, they know that the best food requires the best ingredients and they use nothing else in their kitchen.

The Warras insist on only the freshest local produce and pride themselves on authentic flavors in their food.

"We never over-season," Bassam Warra said. "With the freshest ingredients, we don't have to."

The restaurant uses family recipes handed down for generations and also offers some new dishes with a contemporary flair.



Warra said that Mediterranean food is naturally healthy and he wants to keep it that way. Everything in the restaurant is made fresh every day "from scratch, because nobody makes it as good as we do," Warra said.

Simply Fresh Mediterranean Grill is open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.



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**Stella's Black
Dog Tavern
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Owners Bob Ostendorf and Jim Sullivan have given new life to the family tavern and restaurant located off Fralick Street, behind the former post office.



The tavern, named for Ostendorf's Bernese Mountain Dog Stella, whose picture graces the restaurant sign, continues to draw crowds who enjoy the new menu items.

There are exciting things happening at Stella's where there are new and fresh specials daily along with moderately-priced menu items including the incredible Tavern Burger, homemade soups, hearty sandwiches, and salads.

Stella's also offers an excellent selection of bottled and draft beer, great wines, Plymouth's Original Bloody Mary Bar and the only year-round patio in Plymouth.

There are usually daily specials from the kitchen which includes fresh fish on Fridays.

Stella's now also features breakfast from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday with several menu items to delight diners.

**Station 885
885 Starkweather
Old Village,
Plymouth
(734) 459-0885**

Station 885 will once again host the Civitans Fall Festival Taste Fest from 6-8 p.m. Friday during the Fall Festival. The lower parking lot will be turned into a garden by Serene Surroundings landscape designers and the Wile E. Coyote Band will entertain.

The band will continue to play until 10 p.m. and bar service in the outdoor setting will continue for a small after-party noted Rob Costanza, owner of Station 885.

The restaurant is located adjacent to the railroad tracks in historic Old Village and the theme seems appropriate. Youngsters of all ages are always delighted when the bell sounds for an oncoming train passing by. The electric model trains also add a special ambiance. Several private rooms are available for private parties, meetings and celebrations.

Station 885 is open from 11 a.m. until midnight Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The restaurant also offers a special Sunday Brunch from



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10 a.m. until 2 p.m. which includes various breakfast items along with prime rib, fresh shrimp, salads, fruits, made-to-order crepes and omelets and countless other items.

Station 885 offers live entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and Trivia Night begins at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Post Local Bistro
844 Penniman
Plymouth,
(313) 319-7070

The Post Local Bistro loves Plymouth.

JT and Jen, from the original Post in Detroit, agree that they love the new Plymouth spot. The pair, along with their incredible staff, have become favorites with patrons who claim they are "always friendly, laughing and hard working."

Chef Dave offers a creative bistro-style lunch and dinner menu each day which features fresh ingredients from



local merchants. There is also a drink menu filled with Michigan craft beers, specialty drinks and a carefully selected wine list.

Happy hours are 3-6:30 p.m. daily. Live entertainment is featured Wednesday and Thursday nights and the Post DJs entertains every Friday and Saturday night.

The Post opened in February 2014 and has been warmly welcomed by the

community.

Sunday brunch, lunch, happy hour, dinner or late night, there is always a good time at The Post.

The Post opens at 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 11 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

E.G. Nick's
500 Forest Ave.
Plymouth
(734) 414-6400

One of the most popular places in town is always E.G. Nick's on Forest Street where owners Tony Belli and Frank Agostini want everyone to have a good time.

"We hope everybody comes by during the Fall Festival to enjoy all the activities in the tent in the back parking lot sometime during the weekend," Agostini said. "That's what we're here for."

The tent will house the Saturday night A.M. Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner, from 4-8 p.m. Saturday. The

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A photograph of the exterior of the Station 885 building, which has a modern design with large windows and a stone base. A sign on the building reads "STATION 885 TODAY'S SPORTS & DRINKS".

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A cartoon illustration of a grey elephant wearing a white chef's hat, holding a plate with a burger and a glass of beer. The elephant is standing next to a large, stylized "The Post" sign that is part of the building's facade.



tent will also feature bands beginning at 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. This year, the Von Zippers will perform Friday and Big Ray and the Motor City Kings will entertain crowds on Saturday.

There will be a \$3 cover charge both nights which will be donated to the Plymouth Canton Vietnam Veterans group.

There will be beer, wine and mixed drinks served in the tent both Friday

and Saturday nights, he added.

The unique indoor-outdoor patio on Forest Avenue will also be open and serving the wide selection of artisan craft beers E.G. Nick's now offers, along with the award-winning menu dishes including several new entrees and sandwiches, Agostini said.

"We hope everybody stops by during the Fall Festival. We want them to enjoy the festival as much as we do," Agostini said.

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